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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date .
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. .
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: .

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DETAILED ACTION

The IDS received 8/18/2006, the preliminary amendment received 5/16/2005 have been entered.

Election

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-3, in the reply filed on 11/30/2006 is acknowledged.

The requirement is deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 4-24 are nonelected and thus are withdrawn from further consideration.

Only claims 1-3 are presented for examination on the merits.

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract must be a single paragraph. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b). A new abstract on a separate page is required to replace the current abstract, which is the first page of the WO document of the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point

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out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is vague and indefinite because the methods do not recite clear and positive steps. For example, there is no step a, step b, etc.

3. Claims 1-3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted step is: claim 1 is incomplete because it lacks a correlating step to accomplish the preamble of the claim.

All other claims depend directly or indirectly from rejected claims and are, therefore, also rejected under USC 112, second paragraph for the reasons set forth above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

- A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -
 - (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johansson et al. (JBC 2001;276(35):33061-33065).

Johansson teaches a method of screening for compound that inhibit the steroid isomerase activity of GST (abstract, and page 33063, right column, 1st full paragraph, and Table 2 and

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Fig. 3), wherein the GST is used as a drug target (page 33062, left column, 5th full paragraph), wherein the GST used is GST A3-3 (abstract and Table 1 and Fig. 3), wherein the GST used is GST A1-1 (Table 1 and Fig. 3).

5. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johansson et al. (JBC 2002;277(19):16648-16654).

Johansson teaches a method of screening for compound that inhibit the steroid isomerase activity of GST (abstract, and page 16649, right column, 4th full paragraph), wherein the GST used is GST A3-3 (abstract and page 16651, Table 1), wherein the GST used is GST A1-1 (page 16651, Table 1).

Therefore, the cited reference is deemed to anticipate the instant claims above.

Conclusion

6. No claim is allowed.

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1657 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)). The official fax telephone number for the Group is 571-273-8300. NOTE: If Applicant does submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by applicant or applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are

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unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Jon Weber can be reached at (571) 272-0925.

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